

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 2, 13, 15-17, 20 and 22 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2 and overcome the 112 rejection regarding noted claim terminology, allowable claims 5, 7, 8, 10-12, 14, 18-19 and 21 are rewritten independent format, claim 6 is amended to overcome the 112 rejection regarding noted claim terminology and new claims 23-30 (patentable for substantially the same reasons identified by the Office Action with regard to the other pending claims) are added to more fully claim the disclosed invention. Claims 1, 3-12, 14, 18-19, 21 and 23-30 are pending.

Applicants note that the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph regarding the terms “over” and “transparently” are overcome by the claim amendments to claims 1 and 6, claims 13 and 17 having been cancelled. Applicants note that the rewriting of claims allowable claims previously dependent on claim 13 have also been amended accordingly.

However, Applicants note for the record that, although the term “transparently,” has been omitted from the claims at the request of the Office Action, that term is adequately described in the specification and a well-known and explicit term-of-art to a person skilled in the art. Specifically, the term “transparently” refers to the fact that the connection leg allows the tunneled flow control to pass through it without a change. The transparent tunneling is a kind of “tube” though the intermediate second leg.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 13, 15-17 and 20 under U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Applicants’ Admitted Prior Art (“AAPA”) in view of Siu (U.S. 6,252,851) and further in view of Zhang (U.S. 6,396,833). Applicants submit that the rejection is moot because all rejected claims have either been cancelled or placed in condition for allowance by the inclusion of allowable subject matter. Therefore, all pending claims are allowable.

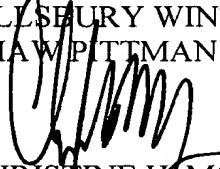
It is further noted that new claim 23 recites subject matter previously included in allowable claim 22 and new claims 24-30 are network node and radio controller claims corresponding to the allowable system claims.

All issues having been addressed, Applicants request allowance of the pending claims and notice to that effect. However, if anything further is necessary to place the application in further condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants’ representative at the telephone number listed below.

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